GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:323
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2003
ENGINES COACHES LYING ABANDONED
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY;RATNA SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rail engines/coaches lying abandoned after accidents or some other reasons;

(b) the value of these abandoned railway engines/coaches lying at different places;

(c) whether the Government are aware that these engines and coaches are stolen in parts by junk dealers in connivance with railway officers/employees;

(d) if so, the value of the railway materials stolen during the last three years; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to protect these abandoned railway engines/coaches lying unprotected?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENTREFEREDTO IN REPLY TOPARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 323 BY SHRIMATI RAJKUMA RATNASINGH AND SHRI HARIBHAI CHAUDHARY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.3.2003 REGARDING ENGINE/COACHES LYING ABANDONED

(a): There are no engines and coaches lying abandoned on Indian Railways. However6 locos and 63 coaches damaged in Railway accidents are awaiting disposal.

(b): Since there are no abandoned locos/coaches, the question does not arise. However, the scrap value of accident damaged locos and coaches awaiting disposal is approximately Rs. 1.04 crores.

(c): No, sir. No such cases have come to the notice of the Government.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) In case of rail accident, rail engines/coaches at the accidents spot are guarded by the Railway Protection Force till such time serviceable fittings of such engines and coaches are removed.